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SUBJECT NEGATIVE JAPANESE RESPONSE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL WAR
CRIMES TRIBUNAL OVERTURES TO USE TOKYO AS AN ALTERNATE
SITE AFTER NEW YORK FOR A THIRD WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

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1. ON 17 JUNE 1972, AT THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING
FOR THE "TOKYO CONVENTION TO INDICT (PRESIDENT) N I X O N'S
WAR CRIMES IN INDOCHINA AND THE COMPLICITY OF THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES," MORIKAWA KINJU,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY (JCP)-

CONTROLLED JAPAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN

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VIETNAM (JCIWCV), TOLD THE GROUP THAT HE IS IN CONTACT WITH LAURENTS C H W A R T Z OF THE BERTRAND RUSSELL PEACE Field FOUNDATION WHICH IS PLANNING A THIRD WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. MORIKAWA SAID THAT SCHWARTZ HAS BEEN SOUNDING HIM OUT REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF USING TOKYO AS AN ALTERNATE SITE FOR THE TRIBUNAL IN THE PROBABLE EVENT THE SPONSORS ARE UNABLE TO HOLD IT IN NEW YORK, THEIR FIRST CHOICE.

2. THOSE AT THE PREPARATORY MEETING GENERALLY OPPOSED THE IDEA OF HOLDING THE TRIBUNAL IN TOKYO. THE SUGGESTION WAS NOT CLEARLY TURNED DOWN, BUT NO ONE SHOWED ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PLAN. COMMENT: DUE TO THE STRONG JCP INFLUENCE IN THIS PACIFIST GROUP, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH THE TRIBUNAL.

THE JCP HAS LONG BEEN ON BAD TERMS WITH TRIBUNAL CO-PRESIDENT, JEAN PAUL S A R T R E, WHOM THEY REJECT AS A MAOIST. ALSO, THE JCP IS UNWILLING TO SURRENDER CONTROL OF SUCH AN ACTIVITY ON THEIR HOME GROUND TO OUTSIDERS. MORIKAWA WILL LIKELY REPORT THIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM TO SCHWARTZ, AND THIS WILL PROBABLY KILL ANY POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING THE TRIBUNAL IN TOKYO.)

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3. PERSONS ATTENDING THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING, IN ADDITION TO MORIKAWA, INCLUDED ~~H I R A N O~~, YOSHITARO, *Japan*, CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN PEACE COMMITTEE; ~~I T O~~ YOSHINORI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE JAPAN-VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION; ~~F U K U S H I M A~~ YOICHI, MEMBER OF JCIWCV AND THE JAPAN SCIENTISTS COUNCIL; AND ~~K U G A I~~ SABURO AND ~~W A T A N A B E~~ TAKURO, BOTH JCIWCV MEMBERS WHO RETURNED ON 14 JUNE FROM *Japan* AN EVIDENCE-GATHERING MISSION TO NORTH VIETNAM.

4. KUGAI TOLD THE GROUP THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MEMBERS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WAR CRIMES COMMITTEE IN HANOI EARLIER IN JUNE. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE THOUGHT A LOCATION IN THE U.S. WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE. FAILING THAT, THEY FELT JAPAN WOULD BE NEXT BEST. KUGAI SAID THEY CONSIDERED A EUROPEAN LOCATION FAR LESS EFFECTIVE THAN ONE IN THE U.S. OR JAPAN.

5. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY LEGATT USFJ 5AF NISOJ D046/ OSI 1021FAS C&D AT TOKYO: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF, [REDACTED]

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